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## Viewing cable 04SANTODOMINGO4904, ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE IN VISA

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">04SANTODOMINGO4904</a>	<a href="#">2004-08-30 20:13</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL//NOFORN</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Santo Domingo</a>

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTO DOMINGO 004904

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DEPARTMENT FOR CA/VO/L/C, WHA/CAR (MCISAAC), L/LEI (W. FUENTES AND M. TAYLOR);

E.O. 12958: DECL: 07/29/2014

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SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE IN VISA  
REVOCATION 212(A)(2)(C) (CESPEDES MARTINEZ, VICTOR MANUEL)

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4401

Classified By: DCM Lisa Kubiske for Reason 1.5 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) SUMMARY. In reftel, Embassy requested Department's concurrence in the revocation of the B1/B2 visa of now former Attorney General Victor Cespedes under section 212(a)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Following that cable, just two days before leaving office, Cespedes ordered the early release from prison of a former Dominican vice-consul in Haiti who was sentenced to ten years in prison for trafficking 43 kilograms of cocaine. This is yet another example, in our opinion, of why the visa should be revoked.

END SUMMARY.

[1](#)2. (C) In July, Embassy sent reftel outlining the case for revocation of the B1/B2 visa of now former Attorney General Victor Cespedes under section 212(a)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Cespedes left office on August 16 when power transferred to a new government.

[1](#)3. (U) On August 14, just two days before leaving office, Cespedes ordered the release from prison of former Dominican vice-consul to Haiti Ormis Freddy Pena Mendez. Pena was arrested in 2002 along with four others while trafficking nearly 43 kilograms of cocaine from Haiti to Santo Domingo. Pena was also found with 15,000 pesos (about USD 400), USD

5,000, 16 passports (11 Haitian, four Dominican, and one French) and several firearms, including an Uzi. About two months later, Pena was sentenced to 10 years in prison and ordered to pay a 50,000 peso fine (about USD 1,250).

14. (U) According to news reports, Cespedes said he released Pena because of concerns for Pena's health, including hypertension and diabetes. (Note: The Directorate of Prisons reported in July that 15% of all Dominican prisoners have hypertension.) At this point Pena had served less than two years of his sentence. In a radio interview on August 25 Cespedes was unable to recall the details of the health justification for the release.

15. (U) In addition, only hours before the change of government the Attorney General's office ordered that prisoner Martiza Aquino be released on medical grounds. Aquino is accused of carrying 129 bags of heroin in her stomach.

16. (U) On August 26 new Attorney General Dominguez Brito ordered the return to jail of Pena and Aquino and announced a formal investigation into the release of prisoners for health reasons. He said that his office was investigating apparently unjustified additions to the list of prisoners recommended for pardons, indicating that the changes had been made in the Attorney General's office. The new Attorney General has placed a formal prohibition upon Cespedes from leaving the country (a precautionary measure also taken in regard to a number of other Mejia administration officials).

17. (C) COMMENT. Cespedes has a record of releasing known drug traffickers (see reftel). When viewed as part of a pattern of behavior, the Pena and Aquino cases reinforce the argument set forth in reftel, which is that Cespedes has aided, abetted, conspired or colluded in trafficking activities and that revocation of his visa is proper. END COMMENT.  
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